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## Banks.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, \$5,000,000 Dollars.  
Reserve Fund, \$1,400,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.  
Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.

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## HONGKONG.

### INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East,  
Hongkong, August 16, 1879.

### COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, \$3,200,000.  
RESERVE FUND, \$200,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue Bergère, PARIS.

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES at:  
LONDON, BOULBON, SAN FRANCISCO,  
MARRILLAS, BOMBAY, HONGKONG,  
LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW,  
NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHOW.

### LONDON BANKERS:

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOULLEMONT, Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

### ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$1,500,000.

### RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3½ per Annum.

" 6 " " 4 " "

" 12 " " 5 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,  
Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

## Banks.

### CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, \$200,000.  
RESERVE FUND, \$150,000.

BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

### RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. " "

" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

### CHARTERED MERCHANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. " "

" 3 " 2 per cent. " "

H. H. NELSON, Manager.

Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

### NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Registered in London under the Companies' Act of 1862, on 23rd March, 1866.

Established in Calcutta 29th September, 1863.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, \$933,000.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$465,250.

RESERVE FUND, \$200,000.

HEAD OFFICE.—39A, Threadneedle Street, LONDON, E.C.

LONDON BANKERS:—NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND, NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

All descriptions of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

INTEREST allowed on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance; and on FIXED DEPOSITS according to arrangement—the maximum rate being 5 per cent. per annum.

R. H. SANDEMAN, Manager.

Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

## Intimations.

### NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

ON and after the 27th Instant (SATURDAY), the BUSINESS of the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION will be Carried on at No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD, Central, the Premises lately occupied by the AGRA BANK.

GEO. O. SCOTT, Manager.

Hongkong, December 23, 1879.

## WANTED.

THE CHINESE REPOSITORY, 1862-51, complete.

The Chinese and Japanese Repository, 1868-65, 3 vols.

Notes and Queries on China and Japan, 1867-70, 4 vols.

The China Review, or Notes and Queries on the Far East, Vols. I. and II.

Transactions of the China Branch of the R. A. Society, Hongkong, 1843-59, 6 Parts.

Journal of the N. O. Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, from 1858 to 1878 (also Vol. I, containing Journal of the Shanghai Literary and Scientific Society).

Answer to "H.J.H.T." China Mail Office.

Hongkong, December 23, 1879. de30

## DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS has returned and is now ready to RECEIVE PATIENTS.—No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD.

Hongkong, December 8, 1879.

## PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE undermentioned Banks will close TO-MORROW and FRIDAY, the 25th and 26th Instant, and THURSDAY the 1st January, being public holidays.

For the "Oriental Bank Corporation," GEO. O. SCOTT, Manager.

For the "Chartered Bank of India, London and China," H. H. NELSON, Manager.

For the "Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China," E. G. MOBERLY, Acting Manager.

For the "Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris," E. SCHWEBLIN, Acting Agent.

For the "Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation," T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the "National Bank of India, Ltd.," R. H. SANDEMAN, Manager.

Hongkong, Dec. 24, 1879. ja2

## For Sale.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED their Usual Assortment of CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS, Comprising:—  
GLOVE and HANDKERCHIEF BOXES.  
JEWELRY BOXES and SCENT CABINETS.  
PRINCESS STATIONERY CABINETS.  
VELVET WORK BAGS.  
WORK BOXES in Leather and Fancy Woods.  
CARD TRAYS and SCRAP BOOKS.  
VELVET PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES.  
STATUETTES.

Handsome Bound and Illustrated GIFT BOOKS, Comprising:—

PICTURE GALLERY OF MODERN ART.  
SWITZERLAND ILLUSTRATED.  
WOODLAND ROMANCE.  
THE BIRD, BY JULES MICHELET.  
THE INSECT, BY JULES MICHELET.  
THE BIRD WORLD.  
THE EPIC OF HADES.

A Large Assortment of Newest GIFT BOOKS for Boys and Girls.

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR CARDS, the Latest Novelties.

Elegantly Dressed FRENCH DOLLS.

DOLLS' PORTMANTEAUX, completely fitted.

SWIMMING and WASHING DOLLS.

MECHANICAL TOYS, in Great Variety.

DOLLS' PERAMBULATORS.

PUZZLES, GAMES, BRICKS.

HORSES and CARTS, WHEEL-BARROWS.

DRUMS, TRUMPETS, GUNS and SWORDS.

THE PRESENT SEASON'S NOVELTIES in COSAQUES, Comprising:—

HELEN'S BABIES' CRACKERS, PICTORIAL.

INCOGNITA, COMICAL and CLUB CRACKERS.

BELLES of the SEASON, &c., &c., &c.

PAINT BOXES.

CHRISTMAS CAKES and PLUM PUDDINGS.

FRENCH PLUMS. BLOOM MUSCATELS.

CRYSTALLIZED CHOCOLATE BONBONS.

CHOCOLATE in Pretty Boxes, for Presents.

FRENCH BONBONS. DRAGEES.

FRUITS in Noyau. JUJUBES.

SMYRNA FIGS. BRAZIL NUTS.

BARCELONA ALMONDS.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, December 2, 1879. ja2

### ED. CHASTEL & Co.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS, MARINE HOUSE, 15, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

BEG to call attention to their NEW STOCK of WINES, SPIRITS & LIQUEURS, recently Imported ex Late Arrivals, of the very Highest Class and most Popular brands. Consisting of:—

CLARETS.

SAUTERNES.

CHATEAU PALMER.

CHATEAU LÉOVILLE.

CHATEAU LAROSE.

CHATEAU RICHELIEU.

CHATEAU LAFITE.

BURGUNDIES.

CHAMBERTIN.

BEAUNE.

POMMARD.

FINE OLD PORT WINES.

CHAMPAGNES.

MME. VVE. CLICQUOT—PONSARDIN.

THEOPHILE ROEDERER & Co.

B. & E. PERRIER.

JAS. HENNESSY & Co., \*\*\* and CUTLER PALMER'S \*\*\*, \*\*\*\* BRANDIES.

Fine Old GLENLIVET SCOTCH WHISKY.

KINAHAN'S LL WHISKY.

Fine Old BOURBON WHISKY.

SWAINE & BOORD'S OLD TOM GIN.

JOHN DE KUYPER'S HOLLAND GENEVA.

MACKENZIE BROTHERS' PURE HIGHLAND MALT WHISKY (Dalmore Distillery), a specially selected Blend of 10 years Old Scotch Whisky.

LIQUEURS.

CHATEAUX, CURACAO, ANISETTE, CREME DE VANILLE, CREME DE MORA, &c., &c., &c.

ED. CHASTEL & Co.

Hongkong, December 22, 1879. ja5

## For Sale.

### J. NOBLE,

JEWELLER & WATCHMAKER,

HAS JUST RECEIVED A FINE

SELECTION of

GOLD and SILVER JEWELLERY,

in the Newest Designs.

MORDAN'S GOLD and SILVER PEN and

PENCIL CASES, SILVER OUPS,

And many NOVELTIES, Suitable for

Christmas and New Year's Presents.

8, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, December 16, 1879. de30

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship

"DOUGLAS,"

Capt. YOUNG, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 25th Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, December 23, 1879. de25

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

#### NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship

"TANAI,"

Command. DE LA MARCELLE, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, December 17, 1879.

#### NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship

"FELIX,"

Command. PASQUALINI, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, December 17, 1879.

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers for New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer

"SOMERSET"

will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 27th Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, December 12, 1879. de27

### SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.

The Steamship

"BRECONSHIRE,"

STURROCK, Commander, expected here on or about the 26th Inst., will have immediate despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 19, 1879.



## For Sale.

## CHRISTMAS STORES.

MacEwen, Frickel &amp; Co.,

BEG to call attention to the following New Supply of STORES, which they have Received

Ex "GORDON CASTLE,"  
And Other Recent Arrivals.

CHRISTMAS CAKES, 4-lb., 6-lb. and 8-lb. each.  
CHRISTMAS PLUM PUDDINGS.  
Pure AMERICAN CANDIES.  
Pure SCOTCH CANDIES.  
DRAGERS, ALMONDS.  
Fancy CHOCOLATES.  
MASSON'S CHOCOLATE CREAMS.  
NOUGATINES.  
Crystallized METZ FRUITS.  
New Designs in COSAQUES.  
"CETWAYO'S HAT BOX."  
"MARQUETTE'S JEWEL CASKET."  
"GRANDMA'S BONNET BOX."  
"EDWIN AND ANGELINA."  
&c., &c., &c.

SMYRNA FIGS.—  
Muscatel BLOOM RAISINS.  
JORDAN ALMONDS.  
BRAZIL NUTS.  
PECAN NUTS.  
HICKORY NUTS.  
Cooking and Table PRUNES.  
Pudding RAISINS and CURRANTS.  
Candied PEEL.  
MINCEMEAT in 1-lb. tins.  
VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.  
CARAWAY SEEDS.  
SCHWITZER'S COCOATINA.  
AMERICAN CREAM CHEESE.  
SAP SAGE CHEESE.  
LIMBURG CHEESE.  
FINE APPLE CHEESE.  
HAM TONGUE & CHICKEN SAUSAGE.  
WESTPHALIAN, BOLOGNA, OXFORD, and TRUFFLED SAUSAGES.  
GAME PIES.  
Potted MEATS.  
Prime Yorkshire HAMS.  
Prime Wiltshire BACON in tins & Canvases.  
Pickled OX-TONGUES.  
OX-TONGUES in JELLY.  
TRUFFLES.  
CALIFORNIA ROLL BUTTER.  
CUTTING'S CANNED DESSERT FRUITS.

HUNTLEY & PALMER'S BISCUITS.  
CALIFORNIA CRACKER CO.'S GINGER CAKES.  
MILK BISCUITS.  
ALPHABET BISCUITS.  
OYSTER BISCUITS.  
WAFER BISCUITS.  
SODA BISCUITS.

First-class and Medium CHAMPAGNES, Pinks and Quarts.  
HOOK.  
SAUTERNES.  
CLARET.  
Fine Old Pale PORT, 1848.  
SAGOONE'S Pale Dry SHERRY.  
Do. Amontillado SHERRY.  
LA GRANDE MARQUE CHARTREUSE, Pinks and Quarts.  
MARASCHINO DE ZARA.  
CURACAO.  
Fine Old BOUQUON WHISKY.  
SCOTCH and IRISH WHISKIES.  
BASS'S ALE Bottled by CAMERON and SAUNDERS, Pinks and Quarts.  
GUINNESS'S STOUT Bottled by E. & J. BURKE, Pinks and Quarts.

Specially Selected CIGARS.  
Princessa CHEROOTS.  
Cavite CHEROOTS.  
Princessa CIGARS.  
Cavite CIGARS.  
Agroceros CIGARS.  
Vegueros CIGARS.  
Choice No. 1 Fortin CIGARS in Boxes of 100.  
Choice No. 3 Melsig CHEROOTS.  
Choice No. 3 Fortin CIGARS.

PRESENTATION BOOKS.  
SCIENTIFIC WORKS.  
WORKS OF REFERENCE.  
SCHOOL BOOKS.  
CHILDREN'S STORY BOOKS.  
CHILDREN'S TOY BOOKS.  
NOVELS.  
ATLAS.  
HISTORIES.  
DICTIONARIES.

OLENDORFF'S METHOD for Learning FRENCH and SPANISH.  
DR. AHN'S METHOD for Learning GERMAN and FRENCH.  
ABERN'S MODEL BOOKS of FOREIGN COMMERCIAL CORRESPONDENCE, GERMAN, FRENCH and SPANISH.  
"NORTH CHINA HERALD" D A T E BLOCK for 1880.

NEW SEASON'S PRESENT TEA, in 5 and 10 Catty Boxes.  
Hongkong, December 15, 1879.

## Entertainment.

A GREAT THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE will take place in the TUNG HING THEATRE, **T-O-N-I-G-H-T**, When the CHIM CHUNG FUI COMPANY will appear. The Entertainment to commence at 10 o'clock.

**T-O-MORROW (Thursday) NIGHT**, the 25th Instant,

A WAR-LIKE PERFORMANCE—all the Instruments real Weapons, used in Battle. On the Evening of FRIDAY, there will be a GRAND PERFORMANCE of JUGGLING, FIRE-EATING, &c.

The TUNG HING THEATRE has recently been newly fitted with magnificent Chinese lanterns and is now brilliantly illuminated. There will be a Grand display of Flowers. These special performances of great excellence are given on the occasion of the Foreign and Chinese Christmas. Admission, First-class, \$1. Commencing every night at 10 o'clock. Hongkong, December 24, 1879.

## THEATRE ROYAL.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB will perform

SHERIDAN'S COMEDY

"SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL"

AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE,

On the EVENING of MONDAY,

the 29th INSTANT.

Admission (by Tickets only), \$2. Places may be secured at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s at Noon on WEDNESDAY, the 24th Instant. Doors open at 8.30 p.m. Performance to commence PUNCTUALLY at 9 o'clock. Hongkong, December 18, 1879. de30

THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY will perform

"THE SORCERER"

AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE,

On THURSDAY,

the 8th January, at 9 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased and places secured at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s, on and after SATURDAY, the 3rd Proximo.

W. WHEELER, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 17, 1879. ja9

## "OUR BOYS"

DRAMATIC COMPANY, comprising the following Artists—

MISS EMILY BLAIN, MISS MINNIE NORDT, MRS. NORVILLE, MESSRS FRANK STUART, GEO. NORVILLE, G. CROFTON, and HARRY FRANKLIN.

Will arrive EARLY in JANUARY, and will give

THREE PERFORMANCES ONLY.

Full Particulars in future Advertisements.

GEO. NORVILLE, Business Manager.

Hongkong, December 22, 1879.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour—

PALMA, German barque, Capt. Binge. Melchers & Co.

HONGKONG, German 3-masted schooner, Captain Carl Oom.—Wieler & Co.

PREHO, German barque, Capt. Seokamp.—Siemssen & Co.

MOSES B. Tower, American barkentine, Capt. C. Hall.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

ALICE REED, American barque, Capt. J. H. Kilbourn.—Melchers & Co.

AMY TURNER, American barque, Captain A. W. Newell.—Russell & Co.

LAUREL, British barque, Capt. Johnson.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

MIDDLESEX, British barque, Captain A. Walsh.—Borneo Company.

## To-day's Advertisements.

AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all Australasian and New Zealand Ports.

TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIJI.

The Chartered Steamer "ORUSADER."

T. ROWIN, Commander, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 3rd Proximo, at 4 p.m., instead of as previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, December 24, 1879. ja3

## FOR LONDON.

The A 1 British Ship "JOHN NICHOLSON."

CAMPBELL, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, December 24, 1879.

## To-day's Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Company's Steamship "ANTENOR" will be despatched at 4 p.m.

T-O-MORROW, the 25th Inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, December 24, 1879. de25

## FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship "CHINKIANG,"

Captain S. M. Orr, will be despatched for the above Port on

FRIDAY, the 26th Inst., at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, December 24, 1879. de26

## FOR AMOY, TAIWANFOO &amp; TAMSUI.

The Steamship "HAILONG,"

Captain GEORGE, will be despatched for the above Ports on

SATURDAY, the 27th Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, December 24, 1879. de27

## FOR SWATOW, AMOY &amp; FOOCHEW.

The Steamship "KWANGTUNG,"

Captain ABBOTT, will be despatched for the above Ports on

SUNDAY, the 28th Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, December 24, 1879. de28

## FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo and Passenger for Ports on the YANGTSE.)

The Steamship "GLENIFFER,"

shortly expected, will be despatched for the above Port on or about

MONDAY, the 29th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, December 24, 1879. de29

## SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Dec. 23, Ningpo, British steamer, 761, R. Case, Shanghai Dec. 20, General.—SIEMSEN & Co.

Dec. 24, Antenor, British steamer, 1469, Bragg, Shanghai Dec. 17, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Dec. 24, Olympia, German steamer, 789, F. Nagel, Bangkok Dec. 16, 6 p.m., Wood and Rice.—LANDSTEIN & Co.

Dec. 24, Chinkiang, British steamer, from Canton.

Dec. 24, Fuyue, Chinese steamer, from Canton.

Dec. 24, Hailong, British steamer, 277, F. P. O. Goods, Tamsui Dec. 21, and Amoy 23, General.—DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.

Dec. 24, Kwangtung, British steamer, 674, Abbott, Foochow Dec. 21, Amoy 22, and Swatow 23, General.—DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.

Dec. 24, Anna Bertha, German barque, 469, H. Krause, Chefoo Dec. 15, noon; General.—SIEMSEN & Co.

## DEPARTURES.

Dec. 24, Yottung, for Swatow.

24, Iphigenia for New York.

24, Hiram Emery, for Singapore.

24, City of Peking, for Yokohama and San Francisco.

24, Ningpo, for Canton.

## CLEARED.

Romulus, for Manila.

Antenor, for London, &c.

Fuyue, for Shanghai.

Douglas, for Coast Ports.

Faugh Balough, for Labuan.

## PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Ningpo, from Shanghai, Mr Campbell, and 81 Chinese.

Per Kwangtung, from Coast Ports, Messrs J. G. Smith, A. Gay, Swenson, Craig, and 125 Chinese.

Per Hailong, from Amoy, &c., 5 Chinese.

Per Anna Bertha, from Chefoo, 7 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per City of Peking, for Yokohama, Mrs Turner, for San Francisco, Dr. D. Kindler, and 5 Steerage.

Per Yottung, for Swatow, 84 Chinese.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Antenor reports: Left Shanghai Dec. 17th, arrived at Amoy on the 19th, and left on the 22nd. Arrived off Hongkong on 23rd and entered port on the 24th. During the passage experienced moderate and strong winds from the North-eastward with fine clear weather.

The German steamer Olympia reports: Moderate N.E. monsoon throughout.

The British steamer Ningpo reports: Moderate and fine weather throughout.

The German barque Anna Bertha reports: General fine weather and moderate winds with sometimes calms.

The British steamer Hailong reports: Left Tamsui on Dec. 21st, experienced fresh monsoon and moderate sea crossing Formosa Channel, and arrived in Amoy on the 23rd. In Amoy: S. S. Fleurs, Cady, and Wenchow. Left again on 23rd. Had

light N.E. winds as far South as Lamook, thence to port variable airs and fine weather. Arrived at 9 a.m. Passed the S. S. Namos bound into Amoy. H.M.S. Frolic left Amoy on the 22nd for Takao, and in Tamsui on 21st was H.M.S. Lapwing. The British steamer Kwangtung reports: Left Foochow Dec. 21st, Amoy 22nd, and Swatow 23rd. Throughout the passage experienced moderate winds from N. to N.E. and smooth sea. Passed a steamer bound North off Capebi. Passed a barque off Tongquin bound South. In Foochow: S. S. Peronia and Sin Nansing. In Amoy: S. S. Wenchow, and Hailong. In Swatow: S. S. Tasing, Yungching, Lee Yuen, and Foochow.

## CARGO.

Per S. S. Ozus, to sail to-night, the 24th December:—For Continent, 2,186 bales Silk, 352 bales Waste Silk, 80 bales Pungum Silk, 6 bales Cocoon, 25 cases Silks, and 843 pkgs. Sundries; for London, 1,082 bales Silk, 4 cases Silks, 2,152 boxes and 280 pkgs. Tea, 211 pkgs. Sundries, and 1 case Treasure (\$31,500).

## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, SUEZ, AND LONDON.—

Per Antenor, at 9 a.m. To-morrow, the 25th Inst.

For SHANGHAI.—

Per Fuyue, at 9 a.m. To-morrow, the 25th Inst.

Per Chinkiang, at 1.30 p.m., on Friday, the 26th Inst.

For HIOGO, YOKOHAMA, AND NAGASAKI.—

Per Takasago Maru, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the 26th Inst.

For BANGKOK.—

Per Rajanathianahar, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the 26th Inst.

For AMOY, TAIWAN, AND TAMSUI.—

Per Hailong, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 27th Inst.

For SAIGON.—

Per Bombay, at 4.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 27th Inst., instead of as previously notified.

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHEW.—

Per Kwangtung, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 27th Inst.

For SAIGON.—

Per Olympia, at 5 p.m., on Monday, the 29th Inst.

For PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c.—

Per Crusader, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 3rd January. 12 cents rates.

## MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet Ozus will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 24th Instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples, to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India (via Madras), Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suva, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

## HOURS FOR CLOSING.

THE CONTRACT MAILS.

The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by both the British and French Contract Packets:—

Day of Departure, 5 P.M.—Money Order Office closes; Post Office closes till 8 P.M., except the NIGHT BOX, which is always open out of Office hours.

8 P.M.—Post Office opens.

9 P.M.—Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

10 P.M.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

10.10 P.M.—Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents until

10.30 P.M.—when the Post Office closes entirely.

10.40 P.M.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 18 cents until time of departure.

## Quotations.

Bombay, December 24.

OPUM.—New Patna, cash, \$565

" Old " cash, 585

" New Benares, cash, 517

" Old " cash, 517

" New Malwa, credit, 700

" Allowance Teels, —

" Old Malwa, credit, 750

" Allowance Teels, —

## Exchange.

Bank Wire, ... 3/9

" Demand, ... 3/9

" 30 days' sight, ... 3/9

" 4 months' sight, ... 3/10

Credit, 4 ... 3/10

Documentary, 4 months' sight, 3/10

India, Wire, ... 22 1/2

" demand, ... 22 1/2

Shanghai, demand, ... 7 1/2

" 80 days' sight, ... 7 1/2

Gold Leaf, 99 1/2 fine ... 28.90

Sovereigns, ... 5.28

## Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 60 % prem. sales.

Union Ins. Society of O'ron, \$1,375, sales.

China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,325, sales.

North China Ins. Co., \$1,125, buyers.

Yangtze Ins. Assoc., \$1,780, sales.

## MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—Douglas leaves for Coast Ports.

4 p.m.—Antenor leaves for London.

Miscellaneous.

Local Banks close.

Insurance Offices close.

Amusement.

10 p.m.—Theatrical Performance at the Tung Hing Theatre.

## General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, December 26:—



responsible for the reports of the Regatta so much objected to by "Waterman" never showed behind Slater or, if we mistake not, anybody else: so they could not pretend to be finished "Waterman," and we really do not quite see that they should. That, however, is of small importance. The rowing and non-rowing community are probably fairly satisfied with the amount of attention bestowed upon the Regatta of 1879, and will eat their Christmas dinner with equanimity notwithstanding the few inaccuracies that were printed in these columns. A point of greater moment is that referred to in a brief note from the Umpires, which appears elsewhere. "Waterman," by the way, in his letter, overlooked the fact that there were two gentlemen who acted in the capacity of Umpire and Starter; and this seems a somewhat strange oversight. In his communication, our indignant correspondent fairly contradicted those two gentlemen, when he says that the rowing boats were not at any time impeded by the accompanying steam-launches. Captain Geary and Mr. Hynes ought to know best whether this was so or not; and the rowers and the community are bound to accept their opinion. The great majority of those present we understand, do accept this opinion, and they do so all the more readily, not only because of the confidence felt in the gentlemen themselves, but because common sense and a clear vision corroborate the dictum thus laid down by the constituted authorities. It will be well if steps be taken in future to prevent a recurrence of the inconvenience complained of. We think the management of this year's Regatta, taking it altogether, reflects credit upon all concerned, and that "Waterman's" letter is not sufficient to shake the general satisfaction felt over the success of the V. R. C.

Shortly before the arrival of the *Patroclus* at Pagoda Anchorage, the ship's carpenter jumped overboard and was drowned; this is the third tragic death on board the vessel within a week, the double shooting (homicide of the doctor and suicide by the second mate) being still painfully fresh in the minds of our readers.

AMONGST the 29th were to the effect that H. M. S. *Frolic*, Commander Rickman, R. N., was to leave for Takao on the Monday afternoon (weather permitting), and that the arrival was noted by the steamer *Antenor*, from Shanghai, of Mr. P. L. Warren, H. B. M.'s Acting Consul for Taiwan.

We read in the Shanghai papers that the *Chinaman* has had another mishap. In leaving the Tung-ka-doo Dock, after being repaired of the damage she sustained in the collision with the *Kiangtzen*, she fouled the *Benclutha* and sustained such damage to her stern and gearing as, it was believed, would delay her departure for some days.

The annual report usually sent to us by Mr. John Paul, the collector, has assumed an abbreviated form this year. It is as follows:—

Hongkong, Dec. 25.

Dear Sir,—Grace be unto you. I only wanted to state, that during this year I paid a visit to Singapore, Penang, Saigon, Cholon and Canton. The distribution was from 15,000 to 16,000 Bibles, Portions of Old and New Testament, Tracts, etc.

My subscriptions amounted to \$70, at Hongkong, and \$6 at Singapore. Thanking the kind givers, I allow myself to wish to all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

I remain, &c.

JOHN PAUL.

In an arbitration case in Shanghai the other day the witnesses were ordered out of Court and the reporters were asked to withhold their reports till the case was concluded. The *Courier* withheld its report but entered a protest as follows:—

It is very unusual for newspapers to be requested to hold over their reports of cases, even if witnesses are ordered out of Court, and we do not recollect an instance of its having been done at home. It is also a very inconvenient course to adopt so far as the journals are concerned, as they are under the necessity of laying an extraordinary mass of evidence before their readers, to the exclusion of almost all other matter. This case, however, being an arbitration, is on a rather different footing from others with respect to the publication of evidence, and perhaps there is no ground for complaint in this instance. The collision case of the *Crusader* and the *S. C. Farham* was, however, heard before the Court in the usual way, and yet the publication of the evidence had to be deferred until the case was nearly completed. It is to be hoped that this will not become the practice in Shanghai.

With regard to the new line of traffic between this port and Japan, the *Higo News* writes:—

The M. B. M. Steamship Co.'s steamer *Tokugawa-maru* arrived from Hongkong on Thursday, several hours ahead of schedule time. The colonial service, so far, has been admirably performed by the Coy., who are showing determination to earn for the new line a reputation for despatch and reliability equal to that which they have gained for their Shanghai line. With such commanders as Captain Young, of the *Tokugawa*, and Captain Walker, of the *Nitigata*—who, by the way, made a capital speech at the dinner given in Hongkong in honour of the inauguration of the line—they need have no fear that their reputation will suffer. While on this subject, we might mention a fact that has come to our notice, which is worth recording. On the last trip of the *Nitigata-maru*, articles of Japanese produce to the value of ninety thousand yen were shipped for Hongkong; and by other recent departures large quantities of native goods of a proportionate value, have been sent away. The *Tokugawa-maru* brought 400 tons of cargo for Kobe, the rest of her available space being taken up with goods for Yokohama and Nagasaki. We have been informed that, in Osaka, an advance of about thirty per cent. has taken place in the price of mushrooms, dried fish, and other articles of food exported to

China, since the establishment of the new line, owing to the increased demand for such articles. This is a highly satisfactory state of affairs, but it is to be hoped that prices will not go too high, or the trade just initiated may be stifled through over-fostering.

Mr. G. Piondes is preparing a volume on "The Folk-Lore of Old Japan," a Budget of Notes about Nipon," which Messrs. Griffith and Farran will publish at an early date. Mr. Piondes has spent over 12 years with the Japanese people, has mastered the colloquial language, and has lived the native life amongst the intelligent better class in that country.—*Academy*.

At a meeting of the District Grand Lodge of English Constitution Masons, held in Sydney the other night, the sum of £500 was unanimously voted towards the endowment of a scholarship in the Sydney University, open to the sons of English Constitution Masons only.

A curious intimation appeared the other day in a New Zealand paper:—

#### BIRTHS.

STEVENSON.—September 26, Mrs. G. T. Stevenson, of twins. "To err is human, to forgive divine."

THE Messageries Maritimes Company's fleet is valued at \$2,164,896. It has 56 ships of an aggregate force of 20,610 horse power and an aggregate of 168,172 tons of displacement.

Mr. ATTORNSON, Chief Commissioner of Burmah, has intimated to friends in England that he does not believe the Mandalay difficulty will be saved without a short war and the enthronement of Nyaungun.

According to the *Indian Daily News*, private letters from Australia report that the Sydney Exhibition has been a failure. The hotels are said to be without visitors, and the theatres to be empty.

#### Police Intelligence.

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)  
Wednesday, Dec. 24th.

#### STEALING BEEF.

Wong Alok, 17, a servant, appeared on a charge of stealing beef from his master, George Greig a Staff Sergeant in the Royal Engineers.

Complainant is entitled to receive a certain quantity of beef as a part of his daily rations and it was defendant's duty to go every morning to the Commissariat to draw his master's rations. For some time past complainant noticed that the beef was short and yesterday morning it was so noticeably deficient in quantity that he took defendant back to the Stores and had the beef weighed, when it was found to be twelve ounces under the proper weight.

Corporal Hill, R. E., who superintends the issue of rations to the Staff Sergeants proved serving out the proper quantity of meat to the prisoner. He, the prisoner, knew exactly how much he should receive, and saw it weighed every morning, and on this occasion he took it out of the scales himself.

Prisoner in defence said that he put the basket down for a moment on his return to his master's quarters and that probably a dog had taken some of the meat.

Complainant, on being recalled, said his servant did not put the basket down. He saw his wife take the basket from the defendant's hand as soon as he returned from the Commissariat Stores.

His Worship awarded a sentence of four weeks' imprisonment, the first and last ten days to be in solitary confinement.

#### STEALING PORK.

Wong Ashing, 34, a coolie, was charged with stealing four pieces of dried pork valued at 35 cents.

Chan Aze, the owner of the pork, said she had put it outside her door in Tai Wat Street to dry. About 4 o'clock in the afternoon she heard a cry of "stealing dried pork," and found defendant was running down the street and pursued by several of the neighbours. Witness joined in the chase and saw the prisoner arrested by a constable.

Defendant made the usual excuse that he saw another man steal the pork and that he had been arrested by mistake.

Sentence, six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

#### UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Cheung Afak, 31, a coolie, was charged with being in the unlawful possession of a piece of wooden rail on the 23rd instant, the property of the Government.

Tu Tin Yan, a gardener, employed at the Government shrubbery at Wong Nei Chong, caught defendant carrying off the bar, which formed part of the railing round the plantation. A great many similar pieces had been stolen recently. The one now under notice was in its proper place at 10 o'clock in the morning. When arrested prisoner said he only picked it up to put it in its place, but witness said the prisoner was about 60 feet away from the part of the fence from which it was taken when he was arrested.

Defendant now said that he had seen it lying on the ground for some days and thought it was no use. He admitted having been in gaol last month for fourteen days for a similar offence.

Fined \$25, in default to suffer three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

(Before Hon. C. E. Plunket.)

#### A PROMISING YOUTH.

Wan Achau, 10 years of age, was charged with stealing on the 18th instant, a silver bangle from a little girl, daughter of one Ho Achau, carpenter.

Complainant's two children, a boy and girl, were playing outside their father's shop when the defendant snatched the bangle from the girl's arm and ran off. He was not arrested till the 22nd instant.

Defendant denied the charge. He admitted three convictions during the present year, but asserted that they were all on false accusations.

Wan A I, the father of the defendant, did not think his son could have stolen the bangle as at the time when the theft was alleged to have been committed he was engaged cooking for the family. He had beaten the boy to make him confess but the lad persisted in asserting his innocence. Sentence, six months' imprisonment with hard labour with two periods of 14 days in solitary confinement.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### THE RECENT REGATTA.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

23rd December.

SIR,—We do not desire to enter into any controversy with your anonymous correspondent "Waterman," who, so politely charges us with making a false statement, as it was our opinion that a fleet of steam-launches preceding light racing boats must and did seriously affect them, and to that opinion we still adhere.

We have the honor to be,

Your most obedient servants,  
HAMILTON GEARY, Captain, R.A.,  
W. HYNES,  
Umpires and Starters.

### China.

(Herald, Dec. 18th.)

H. B. M.'s *S. Lapwing* left Pagoda Anchorage, for a cruise, on the 18th instant. Like cures like; and the Foochow launchers have just now successfully demonstrated the truth of this combination.

*Peronia*, a *Antenor*. There's the rub, ye conspirators!

A large contingent of ponies are, we understand, expected to arrive per *S. S. Sin Nanyang*, due here to-morrow. This well-known accession to the "Camp" forces comes in good time, and will, if our information is correct, bring the muster roll up to the full strength of former years.

A special general meeting of members of the Foochow Chamber of Commerce was held at the offices of Messrs Odell & Leyburn on Friday last, the 12th instant. The following firms were represented, viz:—

Messrs Gibb, Livingston & Co., Oliver & Co., Bathgate & Co., Russell & Co., Purdon & Co., Adamson Ball & Co., Holliday Wise & Co., B. J. Morris & Co., Schönfeld & Co., Siemens & Co., Alex. Leith (Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation), Odell & Leyburn, Gilman & Co., W. L. Hunter, David Sassoon Sons & Co., Butterfield & Swire, and Birley & Co. Mr Odell occupied the Chair. The object of calling the members together was to consider the following proposition, which had been submitted to the Committee of the Chamber by a deputation of native tea-men, viz:—

"That all teas shall be weighed within one week after date of purchase; and that payment for the same shall be made within one week after date of shipment."

After conversation, the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Derner and seconded by Mr. Sheppard:—"That in the opinion of this meeting the questions submitted by the deputation of tea-men are matters entirely between sellers and buyers and that this Chamber can take no action."

To the foregoing resolution, Mr. Tatham, seconded by Mr. Leith, proposed the following Amendment:—

"That this meeting approves of the suggestion for fixing some period for payment of teas, but that the suggestion as to weighing within a week of purchase will be found impracticable, especially in the case of Australian buyers. The meeting, however, considers it impossible to make any binding agreement on the subject, the carrying out of any such arrangement being a matter solely as between buyer and seller, and the carrying out of it depending entirely on the action of the native Tea Hong themselves."

On being put to the meeting, the amendment was carried by six votes, nine being in favor of and three against it.

A vote of thanks to the chair concluded the business of the meeting.—*Abridged.*

Tea.—Moderate transactions in *Congou* are reported, at about former rates. The season's supply is now virtually at an end, and the actual stock is reduced to about 800 chests.

Settlements of *Congou* from 11th to 17th inst.—3,010 chests, at 11s. 6d. a 15s. per picul (short).

Total arrivals of *Congou*, 727,800 chests. " settlements " 727,000 "

Stock, 733 " Total arrivals of *Souchong*, 88,600 chests. " settlements " 88,600 "

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hear the 23rd of January is the day fixed for the Ball to take place.

About half past six on Thursday evening last, the *Kiangfoo* steamer struck a ferry-boat near Kian-yien, which sank immediately. It was very dark at the time, and the boat, which had no light, was not seen until the steamer was close to it. The helm was at once ported to avoid it, but the lowland kept on his way across the bows of the *Kiangfoo*, with the result mentioned. A boat was lowered immediately, and ten persons were taken out of the water. They went on to Chinkiang on the steamer, and returned to their homes by the next one that came down. It is stated that there were seven persons on the boat who were not picked up.

Some of our readers may be pleased to learn that the health of the Rev. J. Hudson Taylor, of the China Inland Mission, has derived great benefit from his stay in Chefoo. Indeed, we understand that he is completely restored to health. He is believed to be now en route to Yangchow by overland route, at which place he has a station.

### (Mercury.)

A steam dredger, from the Arsenal we believe, has arrived at the entrance to the Soochow Creek. It is a cumbersome looking machine, and has only one bucket. No wonder with an affair like this, the Chinese authorities shrink from the expense of dredging the Woosung Bar. The Soochow Creek is to be dredged, and perhaps in the course of time the Kwangpoo River may be dredged too. She is believed to be one of the original lot ordered by Messrs J. W. Allen & Co. for dredging the upper part of the Soochow Creek, about fifteen years ago.

### THE LATEST AMERICAN SWINDLE.

In the generous mood one always comes to about Christmas time we do not mind giving an advertisement gratis to a large commercial undertaking over the water. American "cuteness" has come to be proverbial, but, thank Heaven, it borders on a land the average Briton does not yet care to boldly tread. The stamp mania gave rise in England and America, and indeed over all the world more or less, to a regular trade in stamps, not a small portion of the profits of the dealer being the ordinary stamps he received himself on letters addressed to him by collectors and correspondents in distant parts. The coolest piece of begging effrontery we have noticed in this connection is the following letter which has been received within the last three years by several gentlemen in Hongkong. The Swedish young lady has "just happened to get hold of another batch" of names of "honoured and esteemed gentlemen" in this quarter of the globe. Some letters have been received in Amoy, and some, we learn from the *Higo News*, in Japan. Some of those we have seen came with a neat Christmas card and "the compliments of the season." The whole thing is a probable "take-in," but it is worth giving as a sample of the latest development of the "cuteness" of the great nation that first made wooden nutmegs *et hoc genus omne*:—

Brooklyn (North America),

Aug. 12, 1879.

Mr. —, Amoy in China.

My very esteemed and dear Sir,—By a chance I got your very honoured name and address, and as I fancy you to be a very kind Gentleman, I hope you will forgive me for addressing myself to you.

I wish to tell you that I was born in Iceland (in Europe) and was soon after moved to Scandinavia (Sweden) where I lived and was educated till my both dear parents died a few years ago, when I then as not yet 19 years old had to leave my fatherland to go over here to this strange American land to live together with a lady-friend of my late parents, a very kind elderly Swedish Lady.

By that time my Lady Friend soon noticed that I here felt very lonesome and was very sorrowful at the loss of my beloved parents; and to amuse me and to try to disperse my thoughts, she animated me to make a Collection or Album of used (canceled) Postage-Stamps of all nations in the world, which is a very delightful and instructive amusement to many young Ladies in Scandinavia; and she kindly presented me with a very large and elegant Postage-Stamp-Album with descriptions and empty spaces for all the about 8000 different Stamps in the World.—Oh, I can not describe you how very much I now love this beautiful Album, but it was also since my only amusement here.

But, oh, I soon noticed how very difficult it will be to get my Album filled! And I therefore now just happened to get your very honoured name, so I thought I should venture to send this little note to you, my esteemed Sir, and most beseechingly ask you kindly to do me the great favor to try to get obtained for me a lot of such canceled Postage-Stamps from China and other Countries, of which I suppose you and your friends have got many on old and new letters from time to time.

Especially I should be most thankful and obliged to you for a good lot of the VERY RARE OBSOLETE Postage-Stamps which my Album says were in use in *Philippine Islands* from 1854-1864, and in *Japan* from 1871-1875, and you will be sure to find a grand lot of them on the backs of all such old letters from those years and countries. Oh, you will not be able to believe how very grand a pleasure those extremely rare obsolete Stamps will afford me; I shall appreciate them very highly and I will owe you millions of thanks for your trouble to get them. But, besides, I shall also be very thankful to you, esteemed Sir, for all other canceled Postage-Stamps (and also Revenue Stamps) obsolete or now in use in China, Japan, Philippine Islands and other Countries.—And please be very kind to remember that you can not send me too many of such canceled stamps, even if you can send off many hundreds of such sorts, for I can through Lady-Friends in Scandinavia get all such duplicates exchanged for many other different stamps, just such as I can use in my Album.

But now I also wish to ask what I can do in return to you, my esteemed Sir! And I beseech you kindly to tell me which things you are especially most fond of, for

I can send you many different remembrances, curiosities, books, views, newspapers; also I can embroider something for you if you wish. Oh, indeed, I shall be very glad to please you in best manner to show you my gratitude.

Now I shall be very much longing for your esteemed answer; and you will rejoice me indescribably if you will most kindly send a VERY LARGE AND BIG LETTER filled with a GRAND LOT OF STAMPS; oh, then I shall always remember and thank you as often as I open my Album and look at my fine Pages for China.

Hoping soonest to receive that joy-bringing letter, I ask, esteemed Sir, to remain most respectful and truly,

Your ANNA P.

Please be very kind to send your welcome letter by *SARAT* way, and to put all the stamps with the letter in a very strong Envelope, addressed most carefully thus:

Mrs Anna P.

No. —, Avenue,

Brooklyn Long-Island

United States of North America.

One gentleman who received a copy of this letter wrote politely to say that he had a large supply of stamps which he would be only too anxious to dispose of—(he happened to hold the highest position in the Post Office)—none of them were obliterated, but he presumed that would not much matter; she could effect that with little trouble; one of the things he liked best and of which she could send any quantity by registered packet was solid Mexican American gold dollars, or a bill for a handsome amount on any of our Banks here.

Any of these to hand, he would despatch her at once stamps to the amount. Such a reply was likely to choke-off the poor young lady from whom no answer has been received. We fancy it is needless to warn any one that the whole affair is a fraud. We simply give the guishing letter, the manifest work of a gang of impostors, as a curio, in the history of swindling.

### FENG-SHUI AGAIN RAMPANT.

(Foochow Herald, Dec. 18th.)

*Feng-shui-ism* has once more asserted itself. Yenping-foo, a district city about three days' journey from this port, has again declared against Christian missionaries; or rather the literati of that ilk have moved the mobocracy to the perpetration of another unprovoked attack on a foreign Christian missionary. We say the literati, because we are in possession of clear and distinct testimony as to their complicity in this, as in former deeds of cowardly sneaking lawlessness. The particulars of the outrage to which we now wish to refer are as follows:—

In the early part of last week the Revd. Nathan Sites, a member of the American Methodist Episcopal Mission, arrived at Yenping-foo, at which place the Mission with which he is connected have a station. A day or two after his arrival there, inflammatory placards, suddenly appeared throughout the city, calling upon the

people to expel the "foreign barbarian" and his native congregation, and to destroy the Christian chapel. Mr. Sites, in this emergency, very properly called upon the district magistrate, by whom he was advised to keep quiet and to refrain from holding any public service in the city until the excitement then prevailing had subsided. We understand that Mr. Sites, though of course in no way legally bound to do so, acted in strict accordance with the magistrate's advice, and closed the doors of the Mission Chapel throughout last Sunday. But, notwithstanding this apparently ample concession, Mr. Sites was, while walking quietly through the streets, waylaid by a hired mob, and, after having been severely beaten by the ruffians, was on the point of being deliberately drowned by his hireling persecutors when the magistrate, most fortunately, arrived on the scene and barely succeeded in saving his life. Mr. Sites is at present under medical treatment, and we understand that the United States Consul has addressed a remonstrance on the subject to the provincial authorities.

There's Harry, who taught me fine essays,—He's got his Majority now in the Guards; And they say that he's leading a steady life, And thinking of looking about for a wife.

There's Jack,—why, I left him a rollicking lad, And now he's a mate on an ironclad. And Jane—a mere baby in frock and curl—If her photograph's true, is a beautiful girl.

They're sitting all round the family spread: There's a party of game, and a big bear's head; There's holly on window and picture-frame, And the fire burns up, with a crackling flame.

Then the quiet old Rector looks in on his way, And bids them a blithesome Christmas Day; And together they walk through the grove of birch, Over the stile, to the village church.

At the graveyard gate the churchwardens stand With "A merry Christmas!" and hat in hand. The grocer, the smithie, and Farmer Ball, And the Squire has a kindly word for all.

Then, when the shadows of night descend, The Hall is lighted from end to end; There's a bonfire huge on the lawn outside, And within, the Mother is in her pride.

For she loves this night the best of the year, And loads her board with the Christmas cheer,—The mince-meat pies, and the loin of beef, And the grand plum pudding with holly-leaves.

There's happiness, too, in the old Squire's face, As he rises and says the Christmas grace. He chuckles, and laughs, and cracks his joke, And the party's a party of merry folk.

Then he fills a bumper up to the brim: He toasts them all, and they all toast him. "A merry Christmas and happy New Year To every one who is near and dear!"

But I fancy the Mother's eyes are wet When the old man says, "There is one toast yet—Him, absent—the youngster who's far away—God give him a merry Christmas Day!"

Ah me! I know that my lot's not bad, But the reverie somehow makes me sad; And this is a time when the thoughts will roam, Wherever we are, to the scenes at Home.

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